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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
RAMA AKELLA
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Serial No.: 10/027,669

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: POVIDONE-CONTAINING CARRIERS
FOR POLYPEPTIDE GROWTH
FACTORS

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2103.000600

Customer No.: 45488

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including December 10, 2004 in which to respond to the final Office Action dated June 10, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1,520.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$1,020.00) for a three-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: December 10, 2004



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